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POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS

A MAIL WILL CLOSE
 for Manila.—For sailing ship, to-day, the
 21st instant, at 4 P.M.
 for Yokohama.—For *Tibet*, to-day, the 21st
 instant, at 5 P.M.
 for Bangkok.—To-day, the 21st instant, at
 5 P.M.
 for Shanghai.—For *Peking*, to-morrow, the
 22nd instant, at 9 A.M. Late letters received
 9.10 to 9.30 A.M. with 18 cents late fee.
 for Hongkong.—For *Fares*, to-morrow, the 22nd
 instant, at 5 P.M.
 for Madras.—Per schooner *Nuevo Constante*,
 to-morrow, the 22nd instant, at 4 P.M.
 for London.—Per *affairs*, on Monday, the
 23rd instant, at 4.30 P.M.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.
 The French Contract Packet "AMAZONE"
 will be despatched from Hongkong on THURS-
 DAY, the 21st instant, with Mails to and
 from the United Kingdom, and Europe,
 for Calcutta, Saigon, Singapore, Batavia,
 and Australia. Nizelon, Tasmannia, Pina,
 Seychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suva,
 &c. &c. This is the best opportunity
 for forwarding Correspondence to East Africa,
 Helena, and Asselston.
 Letters may also be forwarded to India by
 packet, &c.

The following will be the hours of CLOSING
 Mails.
 WEDNESDAY, 20th instant.
 10 A.M. Money Order Office closes. Post Office
 closes. Letters to the NEWS Box, which remains
 open all night.
 THURSDAY, 21st instant.

a.m., Post Office opens for sale of stamps,
 a.m., Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
 a.m., Letters (but Late Fee may be paid on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents for postage, until
 a.m., when the Post Office CLOSSES entirely.
MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES' PACKET
 The United States Mail Packet "CITY OF CINCINNATI" will be despatched on TUESDAY, 26th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, 27th instant.
 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
 a.m., Post Office closes, but Letters (except Non-Union Countries) may be posted on until the Packet, with Late Fee of 18 cents for postage, with a charge of 25 cents for departure, and correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti), Costa Rica, Yucatan, Monte Video, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by steamer.
MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.
 English Contract Packet "KILIVA" will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, on THURSDAY, the 28th instant.
 a.m. following will be the hours of closing the office.
 a.m., Post Office, 27th instant.
 a.m., Money Order Office closes.
 a.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box,

tion. Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

Post Office closes, except for Late Letters.

Registry of Letters ceases.

Late Letters may be posted on payment of Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage, until 12.30 P.M., when the Post Office closes. Letters addressed to the United Kingdom *via* Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet till Late Fee of 40 cents extra postage, until 2 P.M., when the Mail is finally closed.

REGISTRATION TO BANGKOK.

Letters for General Mail to Bangkok, Siam has good enough to make arrangements for it, as of which correspondence can be Registered to Bangkok, at the usual charge of 8 cents.

Correspondence for the West Indies (except those belonging to the Postal Union of the Eastern Levant) for Costa Rica, Honduras, Nicaragua, de Vides, New Granada, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent via San Francisco.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' LETTERS.

Privates in H.M. Army or Navy. Non-com-

—If to a Soldier or Sailor, his class or designation must be stated in full on the letter; the commanding Officer must sign his name, with name of Regiment, or Ship, &c., in full.

the education of owners, agents, and charterers
seamen is drawn to the provisions of the
Office Ordinance, 1876, which comes into
on the 23rd instant.

Under the Office Ordinance no notice was re-
quired for the departure of a vessel not ad-
mired of departures for Canton or Macao.
is now required of any departure, though
regards to sailing ships, the old rule will
remain in force, that notice need not
at unless asked for.

Section XXV. requires that the first notice be
to the Post Office.

A number of steamers plying regularly or on
days, notice of any change in the day or
will be sufficient.

Unopened correspondence may still be sent on
amped correspondences after the Mail is closed at
the Office.

The Postmaster-General takes this opportunity
of drawing the attention of firms to the fact that
the Office Ordinance and the provisions of the
added to the advertisement of a vessel, are
ad. Consignees' letters are exempted by law
passing through the Post Office, but no
to be sent to a minor collector, or to be
transmission under a penalty of 2100
week during which the practice continued.

to countries to which Hongkong forwards supplies having joined the General Convention being probably about to do so, necessary that the following rules be fully observed:

No Letter or Packet, whether it be registered or unregistered, can be received for Postage containing gold or silver money, jewels, pearls, articles, or anything that, as a general rule, is liable to Customs duties.

This Regulation prohibits the sending of any of dutiable articles, unless the quantity be so small as to make the sample of no value.

The limits of weight allowed are as follows:

LETTERS AND PAPERS.—To British Offices, 5lb. 10oz.; to others, 5lb., without intrinsic value.

PACKETS AND PAPERS.—To the Continent, &c., 10lb.

OTHERS.—5oz.

The following articles cannot be sent by post at all—Glasses, Liquids, Gunpowder, Explosives, acids, &c., and all articles which are dangerous to the Mail or offensive to persons dealing with them.

POSTAGE.—The public is reminded that, in China and

There is no such thing as Parcel Post, trouble and disappointment is caused by our attempts to send small valuable trifles by the Post. Fans, Curios, Articles of value, and the like, which are presented as small parcels, are frequently returned, the sender having put more in postage than would have been freight by steamer. No refund can be made on such parcels of the value of Stamps sent. Before the nature of the contents is covered.

